

**U.S. District Court**  
**United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (Seattle)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-01387-JLR**

Sea Shepherd Legal v. Department of the Interior  
Assigned to: Judge James L. Robart  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/20/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/20/2018	<a href="#">1</a>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Receipt # 0981-5479386) Attorney Brett Wade Sommermeyer added to party Sea Shepherd Legal(pty:pla), filed by Sea Shepherd Legal. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">7</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/20/2018	<a href="#">2</a>	ERRATA re <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, <i>to correct typographical error in address and telephone number</i> by Plaintiff Sea Shepherd Legal (Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/20/2018	<a href="#">3</a>	CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT indicating no Corporate Parents and/or Affiliates. Filed pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P 7.1. Filed by Sea Shepherd Legal (Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/20/2018	<a href="#">4</a>	PRAECIPE TO ISSUE SUMMONS re <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, by Plaintiff Sea Shepherd Legal (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Summons US Attorney -- WD Wash., # <a href="#">2</a> Summons USAG)(Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/21/2018		Judge James L. Robart added. (ST) (Entered: 09/21/2018)

09/21/2018	<a href="#">5</a>	Summons(es) Electronically Issued as to defendant(s) U.S. Department of Interior (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Summons, # <a href="#">2</a> Summons)(ST) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
10/08/2018	<a href="#">6</a>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington on 9/24/2018, filed by Plaintiff Sea Shepherd Legal. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit) (Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 10/08/2018)
10/10/2018	<a href="#">7</a>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to Department of the Interior on 9/26/2018, filed by Plaintiff Sea Shepherd Legal. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit)(Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/10/2018	<a href="#">8</a>	AFFIDAVIT of Mailing of Summons and Complaint to United States Attorney General on 10/10/2018, filed by Plaintiff Sea Shepherd Legal. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit)(Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/23/2018	<a href="#">9</a>	NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Michelle R. Lambert on behalf of Defendant Department of the Interior. (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<a href="#">10</a>	ANSWER to <a href="#">1</a> Complaint, by Department of the Interior.(Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/02/2018	<a href="#">11</a>	ORDER REGARDING INITIAL DISCLOSURES AND JOINT STATUS REPORT by Judge James L. Robart. Joint Status Report due by 12/7/2018, FRCP 26f Conference Deadline is 11/16/2018, Initial Disclosure Deadline is 11/30/2018. (AD) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/16/2018	<a href="#">12</a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER <i>to extend time re discovery</i> by parties (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/16/2018	<a href="#">13</a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER for Extension of Time re parties' <a href="#">12</a> Stipulation: FRCP 26f Conference Deadline is 12/14/2018, Initial Disclosure Deadline is 12/28/2018, Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019, by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
12/12/2018	<a href="#">14</a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER <i>to extend time re discovery</i> by parties re <a href="#">13</a> Stipulation and Order, Set Deadlines (Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/26/2018	<a href="#">15</a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER <i>to extend time re discovery</i> re parties' <a href="#">14</a> Stipulation. FRCP 26f Conference Deadline is 1/11/2019, Initial Disclosure Deadline is 1/25/2019, Joint Status Report due by 2/1/2019, signed by Judge James L. Robart. (TH) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/08/2019	<a href="#">16</a>	MOTION to Stay <i>Deadlines</i> , filed by Defendant Department of the Interior. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order) Noting Date 1/8/2019, (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/09/2019	<a href="#">17</a>	ORDER granting defendant's <a href="#">16</a> Motion to Stay of Deadlines in Light of Lapse in Appropriations. Counsel for government will notify the Court as soon as Congress has approved appropriated funds for the Department of Justice. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/29/2019	<a href="#">18</a>	NOTICE <i>of Appropriation Received and Proposed Order re resetting deadlines</i> ; filed by Defendant Department of the Interior. (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/30/2019	<a href="#">19</a>	NOTICE of Appropriations Received and ORDER Resetting Deadlines re United States' <a href="#">18</a> Notice: FRCP 26f Conference Deadline is 2/7/2019, Initial Disclosure Deadline is 2/21/2019, Joint Status Report due by 2/28/2019, by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/27/2019	<a href="#">20</a>	Stipulated MOTION for Relief <i>from initial discovery and JSR</i> , filed by Defendant Department of the Interior. Noting Date 2/28/2019, (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
02/27/2019	<a href="#">21</a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER for relief from 26(f) Conference, Initial Disclosures and Joint Status Report re parties' <a href="#">20</a> Stipulated Motion. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
04/25/2019	<a href="#">22</a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER <i>for relief from initial discovery</i> by parties (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
05/03/2019	<a href="#">23</a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER for Relief from 26(f) Conference, Initial Disclosures, and Joint Status Report re parties' <a href="#">22</a> Stipulation. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
06/25/2019	<a href="#">24</a>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Defendant Department of the Interior (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 06/25/2019)

06/25/2019	<a href="#"><u>25</u></a>	JOINT STATUS REPORT AND ORDER re Dkt. <a href="#"><u>24</u></a> Status Report. Parties request to submit a Joint Status Report within the next 30 days. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 06/25/2019)
07/25/2019	<a href="#"><u>26</u></a>	JOINT STATUS REPORT signed by all parties (Sommermeyer, Brett) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
08/06/2019	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>	JOINT STATUS REPORT AND ORDER re <a href="#"><u>26</u></a> Joint Status Report. Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report within the next 60 days. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
09/20/2019	<a href="#"><u>28</u></a>	Joint STATUS REPORT by Defendant Department of the Interior (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/24/2019	<a href="#"><u>29</u></a>	JOINT STATUS REPORT AND ORDER re Dkt. <a href="#"><u>28</u></a> . If at any time in the next 60 days it becomes apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will submit a joint briefing schedule to the Court. Signed by Judge James L. Robart. (SWT) (Entered: 09/24/2019)